conscious efforts to give due coverage to the North-East India. The National Curriculum Framework for School Education, 2000 has already emphasized on this. The new textbooks are being prepared keeping this in mind.

Education for Non-recognised degrees in Central Universities

†3209. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Universities are not only imparting education for non-recognised degrees, but they are also ahead in cheating Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the University Grants Commission, which extends help to Universities, is also negligent on this count;

(c) whether 13 Central Universities have usurped an amount of more than Rs. 27 crore, received from the UGC, due to the favour shown by the UGC officers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Budget estimate for book promotion

3210. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 56 per cent, 53 per cent, 66 per cent. and 50 per cent. of the Plan BE, sanctioned for book promotion in the four years between 1998 and 2002, remained unutilised;

(b) if so, what are the year-wise, programme-wise and agency-wise, physical targets, which could not be met; and

(c) whether the department has conducted any review meeting, to minimise the staggering non-utilisation of funds for book promotion and if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) No, Sir. Under the two Plan schemes *viz.* (i) Grants to National Book Trust (NBT) and (ii) Book Promotional Activities and Voluntary Agencies, there was saving of 22% in 1998-99, 21% in 1999-2000 and nil in 2001-02 with reference to Budget Estimate. In 2000-01 however, 61% saving was due to non-approval of NBT Building project by the Standing Finance Committee (SFC). The saving was also due to lack of good proposals from reputed voluntary organisations and increases in Budget Estimate from Rs. 327 lakh in 1998-99 to Rs. 820 lakh in 2001-02.

(c) Review is a continuous process. The scop and extent of scheme of Book Promotional Activities and Voluntary Agencies is being widened in the Tenth Plan besides increasing the support grant.

Financial rights of NCW

3211. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has curtailed the financial rights of the National Commission for Women (NCW);

(b) if so, whether it is in violation of the 1990 NCW Act;

(c) if so, what are the financial implications of such an action;

(d) whether it would affect the functioning of the State Commissions for women;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the reasons behind curtailing financial rights of the NCW?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) No, Sir. The Chairperson, National Commission for Women (NCW) had requested for delegation of financial powers to the Commission as has been done with the other Commissions. Accordingly, the